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Wonderland Relatives Get Jobs In D. C.

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WASHINGTON — The New Frontier apparently believes, like some patients, that if one dose is good

for you, a double dosage will help you twice as much.

The Kennedy Clan set the pace, with brother team echelon of the executive branch. The idea spread like a contagion, and before long other high ranking jobs began filling up with family pairs.

Take, for instance, the Bundys. By this time virtually everyone is familiar with the fact that one of President Kennedy's highest ranking assistants at the White House is McGeorge Bundy, a former Harvard University dean who used to list himself in "Who's Who" as a Republican.

Less well known is the fact that McGeorge's older brother, William P. Bundy, is now deputy assistant secretary of defense. A former Harvard man like the President, he left private law practice in 1951 to serve a 10-year hitch with the hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency. In his new job, he is the deputy in charge of international security affairs.

ANOTHER family team in the New Frontier consists of presidential Press Secretary Pierre Salinger and his brother, Herbert. The latter has only recently come to work for the Kennedy administration, as a consultant on youth employment in the Department of Labor.

Pierre, a one-time piano prodigy and newspaper man, holds one of the most important White House jobs, by virtue of the fact that he decides what presidential news will be made public, and why and when.

There are at least two husband-wife teams in top-drawer New Frontier society. Margaret Price became vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee immediately after John F. Kennedy captured the nomination at the Democratic convention last summer.

LAST SPRING her husband, Hickman Price Jr., followed her to Washington to become assistant secretary of commerce in charge of domestic affairs.

Another husband-wife team is the Louchheims. Katie, who for eight years while Adlai Stevenson was titular head of the party had been vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was bounced from that position by the Kennedys, to make way for Margaret Price.

Another spot was quickly found for her on Bobby Kennedy's personal campaign staff, and after the inauguration a new job was especially created for her: consultant on women's activities in the department of state.

IN THIS capacity, Katie Louchheim assists the protocol office in shepherding visiting feminine VIPs from foreign nations. This month President Kennedy named her husband, Walter Louchheim, as a national city planning commissioner in the District government.

The all-time record, however, still belongs to the Kennedys. The voters chose John F. Kennedy as their President. He promptly appointed his younger brother, Robert F. Kennedy, to be attorney general in the presidential cabinet.

Shortly thereafter he named his sister Eunice's husband, Sargent Shriver, as director of the Peace Corps which had been newly created by the Kennedy administration.

Another family member in government is Stephen Smith, husband of sister Jean Kennedy, who is a consultant at the State Department in the round-the-clock command post which JFK set up to deal with warlike moves abroad.

Since all of these new frontiersmen are able, and perfectly capable of finding choice employment elsewhere, perhaps it's true that twice the dosage for Uncle Sam is better than one.



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